

REMARKS

The claims 12-15 objections have been avoided by the amendments herein.

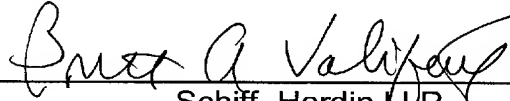
The Examiner rejected claims 11-13 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Tohyama. Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tohyama in view of Marsten.

Claim 11, as amended, clearly distinguishes over Tohyama for the following reasons. Claim 11 recites a color adaption method wherein the color range of the original image which cannot be reproduced is adapted to the color space of the color reproduction device by adapting colors inside the color reproduction device color space which correspond to colors in the color range which cannot be reproduced, but without adapting remaining colors in the reproduction device color space. This claim language is supported by Applicants Substitute Specification at page 6, lines 11-15 and page 6, line 32 through page 7, line 4, and distinguishes over Tohyama Figure 3b for the following reasons. At Tohyama Figure 3B as described at column 3, lines 25-30, the color compression block 122 replaces only the color outside of the color reproduction range R0 of printer 20 in the color range R1' into a similar color within the color reproduction range R0 as shown in Fig. 3B. However, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3B, the only colors being adapted are those colors outside the color reproduction range R0 in the shaded area in Fig. 3B. In contrast thereto, as shown in Applicants' Fig. 4 by the arrows leading from the dots outside the reproduction device color space in the non-reproducible region, color adaptations are occurring at the inside of the color space of the reproduction device. Thus claim 11 distinguishes.

Dependent claims 12-20 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 11 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

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